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Subject: orth Central Region MPA Siting - Keep Salt Point State Park Waters Open to Recreational Fishing!

The Cencal Skindivers, one of the largest recreational consumptive dive organizations in Northern California supports keeping "all" of Salt Point waters open to recreational fishing. We believe that recreational ocean "access" at State Point is extremely important as we have only a limited number of inexpensive access spots along the whole Sonoma coast to launch kayaks, our preferred transportation for nearshore fishing. Our divers enjoy launching at Gerstle Cove, Stump Beach and North Fisk Mill and fishing the Northern Salt Point waters which include all of Fisk Mill Cove and Horseshoe Cove

On the first round of MLPA proposals for the North Central Region, only draft proposals number #2 and #3 have satisfactory MPA designs for the waters off Salt Point State Park.

We have read comments from the California Departments of Parks of Recreation about their desire to make Salt Point State Park waters a Reserve and they liken the diving possibilities to that of Point Lobos Reserve. Our divers are very familiar with Point Lobos waters and Salt Point waters and Salt Point is "no" Point Lobos. One of the compelling aspects for sightseeing divers at Point Lobos is its high visibility waters which typically range from 10-40 feet. The typical vis at Salt Point is more in the range of 3-12 feet and many days are "braille" diving. All the wishing in the world will not change the water visibility conditions of the north coast off Salt Point.

Best Regards,

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